



Moultonborough Town News

Summer 2009

Library News

by Nancy McCue, Library Director

The library is looking forward to another busy summer. Last summer's statistics helped us to have another record-breaking year for circulation. 86,893 materials were checked out of the library in 2008.

Over the long winter we added quite a number of fiction and non-fiction books, lots of DVDs and books on CD to our collection. We have also expanded our definition of "library materials" to include several new kinds of items.



Our Orion telescope, which may be checked out for one week at a time, has been very popular. This telescope was purchased with funds from our annual 4th of July Book Sale. (This year's gigantic sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 3-5.) Thanks to the NH Astronomical Society for donating special accessories for the telescope and helping to maintain it.

We also added a Kill-A-Watt EZ Meter. This easy to use device lets you measure the electricity your appliances are using even when they are "turned off". And finally, the library is participating in the state-wide Downloadable Book Consortium. Thousands of books are available for our patrons to download and listen to through this program.

There are many special programs planned for the summer months. On Monday June 8th the Moultonborough Historical Society and the Library will co-sponsor a NH Humanities program on the popular music of the World War II era. On June 23rd, nationally touring performer Robert Olson impersonates New Hampshire's own 19th century magician Richard Potter, the first truly successful magician born in the U.S. The Friends' of the Library very popular House Tour will be on Thursday, June 25th.

The talented local artists of the Lakes Region Art Association will have an Art Exhibit in our Program Room for the month of June. On July 6th, local resident Cristina Ashjian will give an illustrated lecture on historic landmarks of Moultonborough. In August Mark and Marcia Wilson will bring their six live owls to the library for everyone to meet and learn about. Please visit the library anytime to find out more information and to take advantage of all we have to offer. Library hours: Monday through Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-2pm.

"Summertime and the Reading is Easy"

by Judi Knowles, Children's Librarian



"Summertime and the Reading is Easy" is the theme for the annual statewide 2009 reading program. Over 200 children participate in Moultonborough library's program each summer. Join the fun. Sign up to play the reading game, ride on our 4th of July Float, pet exotic animals from Wildlife Encounters Zoo, laugh and learn at a variety of puppet shows, storytimes, and craft events.

It all starts the week of June 29th. Check our library website www.moultonboroughlibrary.org for times and dates.

Local artist, Karel Hayes, who painted the mural in our children's room, is this year's artist for all the publications for the state summer reading program.



2009 Holiday Schedule Town Offices & Waste Management will be closed on these dates:

Memorial Day – May 25	Veteran's Day – Nov. 11
Independence Day – July 3	Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 26
Labor Day – Sept. 7	Day After Thanksgiving – Nov. 27
Columbus Day – Oct. 12	Christmas Day – Dec. 25

The Waste Management Facility is also closed
on Veteran's Day – November 8

Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act (CSPA) June 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.



Have you wondered what the CSPA means to you and any plans you may have for your property? The Code Enforcement Office, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, will give a presentation of the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act for area residents, contractors, developers, and other interested parties at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium on Blake Road on June 20, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. The presentation takes about one hour with questions being answered directly after.



Big Lake Boating Speed Limits in Effect on Winnepesaukee

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Boating Speed limits on the State's biggest lake are in place for the first time during the 2009 boating season. The nighttime speeds of 25 miles per hour (one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise) and daytime speeds of 45 miles per hour (defined as any other time) took effect January 1, 2009. "We hope the boating community will help embrace this new endeavor for added safety on the waters," said Sergeant Joshua Dirth of the NH Marine Patrol. "It is important for all boaters to understand the seriousness and potential repercussions of not adhering to this statute. Unlike most boating violations that do not affect their motor vehicle record, a conviction under these provisions will be reported to the Division of Motor Vehicles and will become a part of their motor vehicle driving record." Other provisions provide:

- No person shall operate a vessel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and without regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing; and
- In all cases, speed shall be controlled so the operator will be able to avoid endangering or colliding with any person, vessel, object or shore.

The speed of any vessel in excess of the limit specified in this subparagraph is prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful. The NH Marine Patrol is posting signs to make boaters aware of the new law in high traffic areas around the Lakes Region, including public docks, public launch ramps, marinas, hotels and restaurants. Sergeant Joshua Dirth of the NH Marine Patrol can be contacted at 603-293-2037 for further information on the boating speed limits. For more information on boating safety and licensing programs, you may go to <http://www.boat-ed.com/nh/index.htm> or call Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at 603-267-7256 or toll free 888-254-2125.

Remember, "HEAR IT, SEE IT, REPORT IT" 603-476-2400

Fire Works Information

New Hampshire State Law says you must:

- Be 21 or older to purchase permissible fireworks.
- Be 21 or older to display permissible fireworks.
- Be on your own private property, or have written permission of the property owner, including your landlord, to use the permissible fireworks.
- Sell or possess only fireworks that are approved by the State of New Hampshire and they may only be bought, sold or used in communities that allow their possession and use. Firecrackers, bottle rockets and reloadable type shells are illegal in New Hampshire to have in your possession and/or use. Moultonborough does not have limitations beyond those in the state law.

Local Ordinance Says:

No person shall make loud or unreasonable noises between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (This also applies to Sunday and 3 day weekends)

Common Sense says you should:

- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are safely out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks including sparklers.
- Only use fireworks on a smooth, flat surface in an open area and away from buildings, dry leaves or other flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.

For more information on laws and rules about fireworks, call the Fire Department at 603-476-5658 or visit the state web at www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/fireworks/index.html

Report Noise Violations to 603-476-2400



Household Hazardous Waste Day, Sat. August 1st, 8:30a.m. - Noon, at the Highway Garage

This annual collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for their proper disposal is open to all Moultonborough property owners.

More information on items that can be disposed of can be found at www.lakesrpc.org/services_hhw.asp. If you miss this collection date, residents may also use the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) in Wolfeboro on a regular basis.

The LRHHPF facility, located at 404 Beach Pond Rd off 109A, is open the 3rd Sat of the month from May thru Oct from 8:30 AM to 12 noon for regular HHW collections. Special collections of old or unneeded medicines are collected on June 20th and August 15th of 2009 in addition to the regular HHW collection. Please note that medicines can only be collected on the special days as extra personnel are required to

follow the strict protocol of identification and disposal of all controlled and non-controlled medicines

When using the facility the fee for HHW is \$40 for each 0 to 5-gal increment. The fee for prescription meds, over-the-counter meds, personal care products such as vitamins, and herbals is \$25/household. As with all hazardous waste, please keep medications, etc. in original containers. A receipt will be issued for payment by cash or check (no credit cards). Residents and Taxpayers are reimbursed for the first \$40/year by submitting these receipts to the Administration offices at the town hall.

We encourage you to dispose of medical wastes properly to protect our ground water and soils from contamination. Using substitutes for HHWs also reduces your risk and collection and disposal costs. More information on safe and effective substitutes can be found on the Town's web site at www.moultonboroughnh.gov (Click departments and then click on Hazardous Waste).

Recreation News

The Recreation Dept.'s summer program offerings are available on our website at www.moultonboroughrec.com and will be available in hard copy at the Town Hall, Rec. Dept., library, schools and various other places around town. Please take advantage of our web to reduce paper consumption and printing costs.

Our summer offerings include, among other things, traditional playground programs for ages 6-8 and 9-12, Teen Adventure, tennis lessons for adults and children, swimming lessons, the Pathway Road Race, tennis tournaments, soccer camp, creative writing for children, adult yoga, adult softball league and much more.

The deadline for guaranteed acceptance into the Teen Adventure, Happy Campers and REcking Crew is Wednesday June 10th. After that, acceptance into the program is on a space available basis only.

We will also be returning to Cabbage Island, ME on Tuesday July 21st for the "Lobster and Clambake." This adult event was hugely successful last summer so sign up early.

Long Island Beach is expected to open, with lifeguards on duty, on Friday, June 19th at noon, weather and guard availability permitting. This date, and guarding schedules is subject to change based on weather and guard availability. Please check to be sure guards are on duty before assuming so. States Landing will again be a "swim at your own risk" facility.

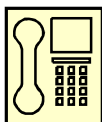
A New Addition

The Sutherland Memorial Park has a new addition in the form of a canoe/kayak launch. The launch gives community members and visitors recreational access onto Berry Pond, one of our many scenic water bodies.



The local Aubuchon Hardware, managed by Mark Tuckerman, and the Moultonborough Lions Club have included the Moultonborough School District's Construction Mentor Group as a third partner for this year's Phase II of their Adopt-A-Spot plan for the James D Sutherland Memorial Park.

The Construction Mentoring Group, under the tutelage of Master Mentor, Bob Stephens and Mentor Coordinator, Kate Lancor spent many hours discussing, designing, measuring and ordering materials in preparation for the building and installing of the launch. This included a trip to Concord to meet with DES and secure the necessary permit approvals thus learning about the state regulatory process as well. Student members of the Construction Mentor Group are Chris Ardito, Jesse Davis, Ryan Lally, Curtis LeBlanc and Mark Stephens. The Moultonborough Lions Club has generously covered all expenses for this project.



Need to Contact us?

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www.moultonboroughnh.gov

New this summer; we are offering a "camp" type program for our Active Older Adult group – called S.W.I.F.T (Seniors with Interests in Fitness & Things).

The program will meet on Tuesday afternoons and will encompass a variety of activities from nature walks to crafts to Wii activities to story telling. The program runs 6 weeks beginning July 7th.

In conjunction with the Moultonborough Historical Society's Old Home Day on August 1st, we will be offering Old Fashioned Games at the Playground Drive Recreation Area followed by a Family Luau. Edith's Tourney, a tennis tourney held in memory of Edith Hazeltine and to benefit the American Cancer Society will also be held that day.

Our Senior Socials are on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Community Center from 9:30-11:30. Seniors are encouraged to attend to have coffee, pastries, socialization, the occasional game of Wii bowling and talks on important topics of interest programmed by the newly formed Community Services Team (Recreation, Visiting Nurse Service and Human Services). Recent talks have included tax credit programs for seniors, veterans and the disabled as well as small area vegetable gardening. Our upcoming talks for the "socials" include emergency preparedness and preventing falls. If you have a subject you'd like to learn about call us at 603-476-8868 or email kuethe@moultonboroughrec.com

Upcoming: In September we are planning on offering a Community Block Party. For more information on this and many more activities, events and programs for all ages, please go to www.moultonboroughrec.com.

Assessor's Office

Vision Appraisal staff have begun the Statistical Update of town wide property values for 2009. Towards the end of July you will receive a notice from Vision of the proposed 2009 assessment value for your property. The new values will appear on the last tax bill of the year. If you feel the proposed value is not a fair market value, you may call Vision for a hearing date. The hearing dates are set in July and will be in the notice letter from Vision.

You may view your property record card at the Assessor's web page at www.moultonboroughnh.gov. For assistance with the web, you may call Administration staff at 603-476-2347, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. You may find the form to suppress your on-line property data on our webpage. You may also come into the office during those same hours to print out your property record card with the full description of your land and building(s) and ask questions. Carol and Hope are always happy to assist you.

We all wonder how the current state of the economy will affect our property assessments. It is too soon to make predictions on individual properties or overall town-wide assessments. The Town of Moultonborough has many assessing neighborhood districts and your assessment will be based on the market activity of your neighborhood. Please also keep in mind that in New Hampshire the tax year is April 1st to March 31st.

As your Assessor and Administration staff we are here to answer your questions and be as helpful as possible. We wish you a nice summer and look forward to serving you.

Road Surface Management System

By: Road / Highway Agent Scott D. Kinmond

The Town is developing a new assessment tool to manage its road improvement investments. This RSMS (Road Surface Management System) is based upon an analysis of a wide ranging set of factors such as:

Quality of Drainage
Deterioration of Roadside
Safety Conditions
Traffic Volumes



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Cracking of surface
Utility work/cuts to surface
Ride-ability of surface
Snow Plowing

This effort requires visiting and scoring each condition on each Town road. This data is then entered into a computer model to create a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). This PCI is used to rank the roads for improvement based upon raising the Town-wide collective scoring and extending roadway lifespan in the most cost effective manner.

Roads which are in poor condition due to infrastructure/road sub-surfaces will be planned for reconstruction when funding is available and warranted by the RSMS ranking. We will keep you posted on our progress as we proceed.

Private Road Summer Maintenance:

It may be summer but winter, and snow, will soon be back. While the Town plows winter snow and ice off private roads, we cannot, by law, make "repairs" to the road surface. Yet, having a good surface to plow on is critical to snow and ice control.

The Highway Department asks all who own property on private roads to work with your neighbors or form associations to maintain and make the necessary road surface and roadside repairs to allow us to provide you with those needed winter services.

The Town annually contracts with about 30 plow trucks to plow and sand the private roads. In addition the Highway department also works in these areas pushing back the snow, and sanding the roads. Our equipment, ranges from a small dump truck (with plow and sander) worth \$75,000 to a motor grader worth \$250,000. These essential pieces of equipment need to be able to clear the snow without having a road surface which is rutted, pot holed, rocky, stumpy and/or impeded roadside overgrowth.

The highway department will be looking at all the private roads to determine if the roadway is safe for winter maintenance by its contractors and town staff/equipment. Residents and or associations will be notified of any issues which place the roadway on a "do-not" plow listing. Those repairs will need to be made before we can provide you with these valuable services. Please help us help you.

You may contact the Road/Highway Agent at 603-253-7445 or skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov.



COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION FOR CARROLL COUNTY by Theresa Kennett

An effort that Tri-County CAP spearheaded in 2007 to bring community transportation to Carroll County has gained widespread community support and 100% Federal funding for new buses!

In March, the NH Department of Transportation allocated \$540,000 of New Hampshire's Recovery and Reinvestment funds for the purchase of eight new buses for Carroll County. More good news arrived on March 30th when the Carroll County Delegation, in an effort to show support for the project, voted unanimously to allocate \$1000 from the 2009 county budget.

A countywide coalition was recruited this past winter to oversee implementation and coordination of Carroll County's transportation services. During the next few months, the Carroll County Transportation Advisory Council (CTAC) will focus its efforts on finalizing the public routes, schedules, and stop locations for buses running along Routes 16 and 25. In addition, CTAC members will be working with existing for-profit and non-profit transportation providers to coordinate services so that residents can access rides to and from the public routes. It is anticipated that service will begin on April 1, 2010. For additional information about the Carroll County Transit Project, go to www.carrollcountytransit.info.



Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Services

We will hold our annual flu clinic in the early fall this year. If you have difficulty standing in line for an extended time, you may call us to make arrangements for a nurse to administer the flu shot at your home. Our phone is 603-476-2350.

Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to Schools is an initiative being undertaken with a \$5,000 planning grant from the NH Department of Transportation. The study will identify barriers (physical and psychological) to getting more students to walk and bike to school. With that knowledge we can develop a plan to improve the built environment, (sidewalks and crosswalks), signage, and enforcement to create an environment where parents are comfortable in encouraging walking and cycling.

The object is to improve the health of our children, reduce car emissions and the use of fuel, and increase the viability of our communities through an active streetscape. Our children's health is improved through their exercise in walking and/or cycling and they bring that practice into their adult life. Our school yards see fewer cars and the exhaust from them as they idle in the driveways. Our streets seem more active and alive with added foot and cycling traffic.

The effort supports the Route 25 Corridor study and our Master Plan. The Town's web site has more information.



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